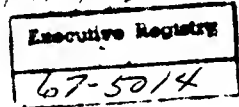


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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

October 24, 1967

Honorable Richard Helms
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Helms:

The enclosed draft of a proposed Office of Telecommunications Circular incorporates certain recommended changes to a preliminary draft which was circulated to several agencies for comment in June. It is believed that this version will be acceptable without further modification.

We will appreciate your concurrence and/or comments at the earliest opportunity in order that we may proceed with official issuance.

Sincerely,

J. D. O'Connell

Enclosure

Telecom Circular _____

TO: All Federal Departments and Agencies

SUBJECT: Guidelines for Leasing of Telecommunications Services for the U.S. Government and Negotiation of Intergovernmental Agreements for/or Involving Telecommunications Facilities and/or Services

I. Background

One of the concepts basic to the establishment and operation of the National Communications System (NCS) is the fully shared use of all NCS facilities subject to only those constraints designed and built into the system for the purpose of meeting the validated and approved service needs of the Federal departments and agencies served by the NCS.

Currently existing facility leases and Status of Forces and other intergovernmental agreements, which define conditions of establishment and use of U.S. Government Telecommunications services, facilities and installations, in many significant cases prohibit the shared use, as between U.S. Federal departments and agencies, of the services, facilities or installations involved. This situation seriously conflicts with the attainment of NCS objectives.

II. Purpose

It is the purpose of this circular, to establish and promulgate a policy objective designed to mitigate the undesirable situation described above.

III. The Policy

It is the policy of the Federal Government of the United States that:

- a. In all negotiations for revision of existing service or facility leases or for new service or facility leases, every reasonable effort shall be made to negotiate in the name of the United States Government as lessee and, to avoid the inclusion of any condition that might be construed as limiting use of the service, facilities or installations involved to the official needs of any one Federal department or agency or combination of Federal agencies, to the exclusion of other Federal departments or agencies.
- b. Except in particular cases where the Secretary of State determines that such action would be inconsistent with foreign policy objectives of the United States, whenever it becomes necessary to renegotiate existing or negotiate new Status of Forces, Base Rights or, other intergovernmental agreements for/or involving U.S. Government telecommunications facilities and/or installations, the host country shall be requested to permit the utilization of the telecommunications services, facilities or installations by any one or combination of United States Government departments or agencies for official purposes.

- c. It is not the intent of this policy that existing leases or Status of Forces or other pertinent intergovernmental agreements be renegotiated for the sole purpose of compliance herewith.

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